

# Board of Education Agenda Item

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Date: February 28, 2007

**Topic:** Report from the Board of Education's 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee

**Presenters:** Mrs. Isis M. Castro and Mrs. Eleanor B. Saslaw, Members of the Board of Education and Sponsors of the Student Advisory Committee

**Origin:**

X Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Board review required by  
\_\_\_\_\_ State or federal law or regulation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education regulation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Action requested at this meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ Action requested at future meeting: Final report and recommendations will be presented at the April 27, 2007, Board of Education meeting

**Previous Review/Action:**

X No previous board review/action

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**Background Information:** Members of the 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee were selected from more than 200 nominations received in November 2006 from public middle and high schools across the state. Each public middle school and high school was eligible to nominate one student for consideration. Statewide student organizations were also invited to submit nominees. The nominees completed an application packet that included letters of recommendation and essays.

Representatives of the Board of Education reviewed all applications and selected the new members according to Board of Education policy. The membership of the Student Advisory Committee is set forth in Article X of the Board of Education's bylaws. Of the 12 members of the Student Advisory Committee, one high school student is selected from each of the Department of Education's eight Superintendents' Study Group regions, and four middle school students are selected at-large (see attached membership list).

**Summary of Major Elements:** During the first meeting in December 2006, the members of the Student Advisory Committee discussed a broad spectrum of issues and concerns for students in the public schools across the state. From this discussion, the committee members selected three topics for in-depth study and divided into small work groups focused on the three topics.

At the committee's second meeting on February 27, 2007, the members will continue their discussions and formulate preliminary findings.

At the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, the members of the Student Advisory Committee will be introduced and will present a summary of the topics selected for in-depth study.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** N/A

**Impact on Resources:** Department of Education funds are used to support the work of the Student Advisory Committee by reimbursing for travel and other expenses related to the committee's meetings.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** The 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee is scheduled to hold its final meeting on April 26-27, 2007. The committee will present its findings and final recommendations to the Board of Education at the April 27, 2007 meeting.

## **Members of the 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee**

Katlyn Allen  
James River High School  
Chesterfield County  
Region I

Paula Lewis  
Lynnhaven Middle School  
Virginia Beach City  
Region II

Adam Baker  
Tabb High School  
York County  
Region II

Justin Scott  
Franklin County High School  
Franklin County  
Region VI

Brian Bills  
Charlottesville High School  
Charlottesville City  
Region V

Shelton Seaborn, Jr.  
Greensville County High School  
Greensville County  
Region VIII

Rachel Chitwood  
Pulaski County High School  
Pulaski County  
Region VII

Anna Skubel  
George Washington Middle School  
Alexandria City  
Region IV

Emma Horton  
West Point High School  
West Point  
Region III

Monique Sturdivant  
T. C. Williams High School  
Alexandria City  
Region IV

Jeremy Jones  
Bailey Bridge Middle School  
Chesterfield County  
Region I

Kenzie VanDerwerker  
Bedford Middle School  
Bedford County  
Region V